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29 January 1979

Today my Government extended an invitation to the Trusteeship Council through its President to send a visiting mission to the Marshall Islands to observe the constitutional referendum scheduled to take place there on 1 March 1979. 1/ A copy of that invitation is attached. 2/

I wish to request, under rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, that a special session of the Council be convened at the earliest possible date for the purpose of considering this invitation.

Rule 4 of the Council's rules of procedure states that "as a rule" members of the Council should be notified of the meeting at least 30 days in advance of the date of the session. Because it would not be possible under the exceptional circumstances to take appropriate action to send a missi n in time for the 1 March referendum unless the meeting is convened as soon as possible, it is respectfully requested that the meeting be so convened.

(Signed) Andrew YOUNG

1/ T/1794.

2/ The text of the invitation has been reproduced in document T/1794, annex.